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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING ENTERPRISE CORRIDOR ZONES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 32-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) As used in this section:

4 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Economic and
5 Community Development.

6 (2) "Public investment communities" shall have the same meaning
7 as "public investment communities", as defined in section 7-545.

8 (b) The legislative bodies of three or more contiguous
9 municipalities, each of which is a public investment community and
10 has a population of not more than sixty thousand, and at least fifty per
11 cent of which municipalities are located along the same interstate
12 highway, limited access state highway or intersecting interstate or
13 limited access state highways, may, with the approval of the
14 commissioner, designate industrial districts in such municipalities as
15 an enterprise corridor zone.

16 (c) Municipalities seeking the approval of the commissioner for such
 17 designation shall execute an intermunicipal agreement specifying how
 18 they would cooperatively share in the marketing, promotion and
 19 development of the industrial districts that would comprise the
 20 enterprise corridor zones, and shall file with the commissioner a
 21 preliminary application which includes such executed agreement. Not
 22 later than sixty days after receipt of such preliminary application, the
 23 commissioner shall indicate to the municipalities, in writing, any
 24 recommendations for improving the municipalities' application. Not
 25 later than sixty days after receipt of the commissioner's written
 26 response, the municipalities shall file a final application with the
 27 commissioner.

28 (d) The commissioner shall approve the designation of at least two
 29 areas as enterprise corridor zones. The commissioner may remove the
 30 designation of any area he has approved as an enterprise corridor zone
 31 if such area no longer meets the criteria for such designation, provided
 32 no such designation shall be removed less than ten years [from the
 33 date of approval of such zone] after the date that such area no longer
 34 meets such criteria.

35 (e) Businesses located within an enterprise corridor zone shall be
 36 entitled to the same benefits, subject to the same conditions, under the
 37 general statutes for which businesses located in an enterprise zone
 38 qualify.

39 (f) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with the
 40 provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	32-80

CE ***Joint Favorable***